

Hopkinton Conservation Commission Meeting

12/11/12

DRAFT

Harold Martin School

1943 EST meeting called to order by Chairman Owen.

Present were: Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Erick Leadbeater, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles, Ron Klemarczyk and Rob Knight.

Visitor: Bob Lapree, Hopkinton Open Space Committee (Open Space Committee and HCC have overlapping membership to keep both groups informed.)

1. Minutes of 10/16/12 OK as written
2. Notice from Derek Owen re water well at former Tudor Richards property, now owned by Gary and Linda Bell, Henniker Road. Bell's asked Selectmen if they could deepen dug well since it is not producing enough water. Well is on Town Conservation Lot. Property owner has right to "maintain pipe, not change the well" according to selectmen. Ron K. will talk with Neil Cass re "deepening" well to get more water, then DRAFT a letter to Selectmen, after first E-mailing a copy of DRAFT to HCC Members for approval.
3. Treasurers Report discussed and accepted as printed.
4. Members helped with changes to 2012 HCC Contact Info list.
5. Doug Giles has been approved as HCC Alternate Member. Derek is checking with Town Hall on Cleve's status.
6. Invasive species project continues...Erick will continue to work with Stacy.
7. Cutting of brush (including invasive species) on Rollins Lot was discussed. Ron has talked with Chuck Rose re cutting field. A motion made, seconded and approved to have Ron negotiate the cutting of the brush on the Rollins Lot with Chuck Rose. Job total not to exceed \$2000 from the Town Forest Account.
8. Culvert Project - Jed and Lee finished. Jed is organizing report. Culvert condition and wildlife passage info will also be part of this report.
9. Bob Lapree from the Open Space Committee discussed progress to date on Hopkinton and Contoocook Village "greenways." Ron K. discussed possible parking for same. Rob Knight has a sample trail agreement that he will discuss with Neil Cass. In order to complete these greenways, passage over some private property will be needed. A signed agreement between property owners and the HCC/Town would allow for passage.
10. Rob K. and Cleve K. volunteered to be on an informal Trails Subcommittee to try to move some of the projects that appear to be ready forward. Further, they agreed to keep the HCC Commission and the Open Space Committee informed and consult as needed.
11. Bob also showed samples of visual information to be placed in Kiosk at Bohanan Farm. A Boy Scout is doing the Kiosk as a project. This Scout needs \$150 to finish his project. Motion made, seconded and approved to reimburse Scout once project is completed and he presents receipt(s). Canoe and kayak access to river at Bohanan Lot was also discussed.
12. Stevens Rail Trail and Houston Fields are both quite handicap accessible. Bob Lapree read a letter he received from a recent satisfied user.

13. Rob Knight volunteered to head our project to post the new red Conservation Lands markers along the borders of Town owned Conservation lots.
14. Ron will follow up with the Selectmen re possible Conservation Parcel at the junction of the Blackwater and Contoocook River. Lot to be under similar easement as adjacent Bohanan parcel.
15. Lee continues to work with NH Audubon in the reclaiming of the trails at Smith Pond Bog after extensive beaver damage.
16. Jed floated an idea re our mapping important habitat areas of Hopkinton. He will research and report back. There was also discussion of updating a Town map showing the location of all conservation parcels. Doug Giles seemed interested in that project.
17. Rob Knight discussed a possible encroachment along the north boundary of the Bohanan easement property He will check out what the next step should be.
18. Discussion re HCC website. We need to discuss having someone keeping the site updated, easy to find and any links current.

Meeting adjourned at 2133EDT. Next meeting is January 15, 2013 at 1930 EST at HMS. Cleve is host. Thanks Ron for homemade CC cookies and fresh cider.

Lee Wilder, HCC Secretary